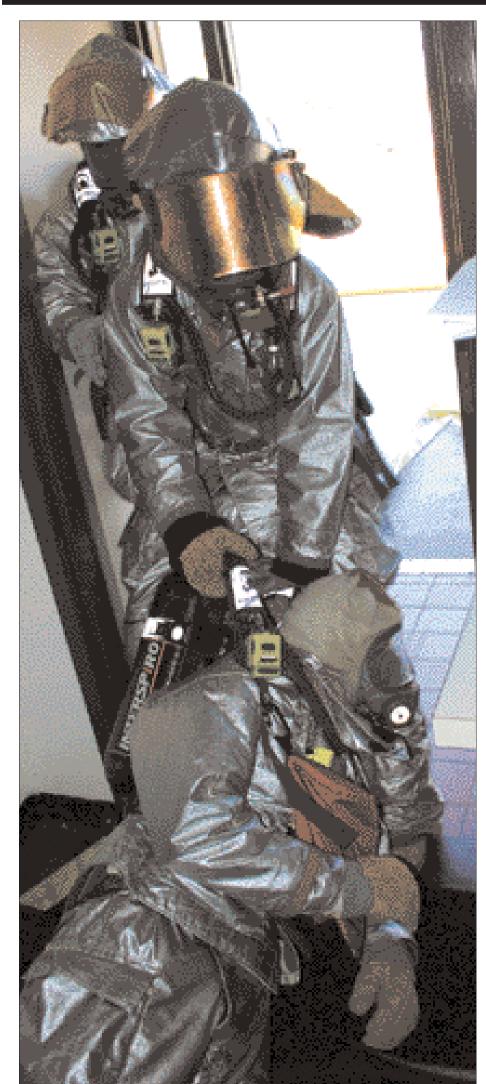
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If firefighters fall or are injured, motion sensors on their packs trigger a siren to alert their fellow firefighters that they are in need of help.





Senior Airman Steve Ortiz, Cannon Fire Department, operates the pump panel The Cannon firefighters train with structural fire exercises in many ticing fighting a simulated fire in the dormitories. Firefighters are that provides water to the fire hose being deployed. He was the driver and operdifferent facilities. On March 16, they sharpened their skills by prac- required to do many hours of training to maintain their certification. ator of the fire truck for a Munitions Storage Area simulated fire March 24.

## Firefighters train for flames

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Department provides more than relief from job of fighting fires, these Airmen and civil- Cannon. ians participate in fire and safety education for schools and base locations, work with physically fit for their 24 on, 24 hour off lines, said Mr. Ford. work schedule.

tion requirements.

The fire department is also Cannon's calls on base.

When calling in a 911 emergency from all possible, said Mr. Ford.

Cell phones automatically route the call through the Clovis emergency system, losing valuable time. If using a cell phone, the Receiving calls daily, the Cannon Fire caller should immediately tell the dispatcher they are calling from the base, and the fire emergencies. In addition to the obvious dispatcher will immediately route the call to

Parents need to teach children the 911 emergency call procedure, but this is difficonfined space emergencies and train to stay cult to do without tying up emergency call

The fire department offers a couple of "We do at least 20 hours of training per options for parents needing to teach their month," said Bruce Ford, Assistant Chief for children this skill. Parents can bring their Fire Prevention, Cannon Fire and Emer- children to the fire department to practice gency Services, explaining that monthly  $\$ making 911 calls, or call the fire department preparation includes war games, base exer- at their main number, 784-2578, to precises and internal training to meet certifica- arrange a time for the child to practice call-

Mr. Ford said people should use the 911 emergency dispatch center, handling all 911 emergency dispatch whenever sensing help is needed. "We are here to help the community. We would rather have people call us when needing emergency help."





Cannon, callers should use a land phone if at and [not need us] than to neglect calling Between the fire hydrant and the truck, firefighters can place a regulator to The Munitions Storage Area had to be evacuated for a fire drill March 24. The munitions facility is change the water flow pressure, helping maintain control of their equipment. required to have semi-annual fire drills as part of their overall training program with the fire department.